

and the male body having a front surface, a rear surface, and right and left side faces,  
and

having butting portions including straight portions and a concave portion or a convex portion, which are formed on at least the front surface of each of the female body and the male body when the female body engages with the male body,

wherein the concave portion or the convex portion is formed at a center of the butting portions sandwiched by the straight portions,

the convex portion in the butting portions protrudes in a trapezoidal form in which a front end is slightly narrowed, while the concave portion is concavely dented with the inlet expanded, and

peripheral corners of the straight portions at both right and left sides and the convex portion at a center in the male body are notched to form a one-level-lower stepped portion, which is allowed to be fitted into the butting portion of the female body in a manner of overlapping and the female body and the male body are thereby formed closely in contact at the butting portions.

#### **REMARKS**

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 7 - 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner argued that the phrase "a front surface of the front surface" is unclear in context and lacks antecedent basis.

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